CONSTITUTION

OF THE

NATIVE VILLAGE OF GEORGETOWN

PREAMBLE

We, the Alaska Natives of the Native Village of Georgetown having a common bond, in order to promote our welfare through the development of governmental and economic enterprises, do establish this Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE I - NAME

This is the Constitution of the people and government of the Native Village of Georgetown.

ARTICLE II - TERRITORY AND JURISDICTION

The territory and jurisdiction of the Native Village of Georgetown shall extend to all Traditional Boundaries, including all lands selected by or for the original village corporation, Georgetown Village Corporation, established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971.

The jurisdiction of the village shall include authority over members and their property and those eligible for membership outside the Tribe's territory, unless prohibited by Federal Law.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the Native Village of Georgetown shall consist of Alaska Natives whose names appear on the roll of Georgetown Village Corporation, established under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act of 1971 and their descendants.

Other members may be accepted by adoption by special membership action. Residence at Georgetown is not a requirement for membership.

ARTICLE IV - RIGHTS OF MEMBERS

All members of the village shall enjoy equal rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, consistent with the customs and laws of the village. The tribe shall provide all people in its jurisdiction the rights required by the Indian Civil Rights Act.

ARTICLE V - GOVERNING BODY

Section 1. Name: The governing body of the Native Village of Georgetown shall be the Georgetown Traditional Council, hereinafter referred to as the Council.

Section 2. Number on Council: The Council shall consist of three (3) members who shall be elected by a thirty percent (30%) vote of the qualified members of the village.

Section 3. Officers: The Council shall include a President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer.

Section 4. Internal Council Procedures: The Council may enact rules of procedure by ordinance or By-laws.

ARTICLE VI - ELECTIONS

Section 1. Elections: Elected officials will be selected by a thirty percent (30%) vote of qualified members of the Native Village of Georgetown, eighteen (18) years of age or older, voters must also meet the membership requirements in Article III. Elected Council officers shall serve as follows: President - three years, Vice-President - two years, and the Secretary/Treasurer - one year.

ARTICLE VII - POWERS

Section 1. Inherent Powers: The Council shall have the inherent powers of a tribal government, including, but not limited to those specified in this Article.

Section 2. Other Powers:

a. To negotiate and contract with state, federal or private agencies of tribal property without the consent of the village members.

b. To acquire property, accept gifts and prevent the alienation or loss of tribal property without the consent of the village members;

c. To exercise the power of consent under 14(f) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act;

d. To protect member rights in property, including tribal property;

e. To charter enterprises, corporations, and associations, and to join or charter housing authorities;

f. To administer village assets;

g. To promote the health and safety of tribal members;

h. To administer Justice and establish Tribal Courts;

i. To levy and collect taxes, fees, and assessments;

j. To encourage and protect tribal traditions, language and culture; and

k. To enact ordinances and regulations to exercise any power of government, not prohibited by federal law.

Section 4. Waivers: The jurisdiction or any immunity from suit in any court may not be waived unless waived by a majority vote of all eligible voters, except the tribal council empowered, upon unanimous vote of the council, to waive the tribal immunity from suit for the limited purpose of receiving funds from or entering into contract with the State of Alaska.

Section 5. Retained Powers: The retained powers of the Native Village of Georgetown, not stated in the Constitution shall not be lost by omission.

ARTICLE VIII - MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION

Section 1. Initiative: The eligible voters of the village shall have the right to propose legislation and vote by secret ballot to determine whether it will be adopted or rejected. Upon receipt of a valid petition signed by at least thirty percent (30%) of the eligible voters, the Council shall call an election to be conducted by the election board no later than thirty (30) days after receipt of the petition. An affirmative vote by at least a majority of the eligible voters shall be required to determine the issues or questions submitted by initiative.

Section 2. Referendum: The Council by an affirmative vote of at least two (2) of its members shall call an election to be conducted by the election board within thirty (30) days of such Council decision for the purpose of deciding by secret ballot issues or questions that are within the authority of the Council. An affirmative vote by at least a thirty percent (30%) of the eligible voters shall be required to determine the issues or questions submitted by referendum.

Section 3. Recall: Members shall have the power to recall any member of the Council. The recall process shall be initiated by filling a valid petition asking for such recall, pursuant to the procedures set out in Section 1. of this Article.

Section 4. Decisions: The decision of the voters in initiative, referendum and recall elections shall be binding on the Council and the village and shall remain in full force until amended or rescinded by subsequent action of the voters or expires by its own terms.

ARTICLE IX - MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular Meetings: Regular meetings of the Council shall be held annually. The time, place, and date of the meetings will be designated by the Council.

Section 2. Special Meetings: Special meetings of the Council may be called by the President and shall be called upon receipt of a petition signed by at least two (2) members of the Council and when so called, the Council shall have the power to transact business as in a regular meeting, provided that a quorum (meaning at least two (2) council members) is present.

BYLAWS

OF

THE NATIVE VILLAGE OF GEORGETOWN

ARTICLE I - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1. The President. The President of the Council shall preside over all meetings of the Council, exercise the usual duties of a Chairman, or delegate another in his absence.

Section 2. The Vice President. The duties of the Vice President in the absence of the President will be the same as those of the President.

Section 3. The Secretary.

a. The Secretary shall act as a Chairman in the event the President or the Vice President is absent.

b. The Secretary shall conduct all correspondence and keep a complete and accurate record of all business transactions of the Council.

c. The Secretary shall record all rules, regulations and ordinances in the appropriate books for the information and guidance of the members.

Section 4. The Treasurer.

a. The Treasurer shall accept, record, receive receipts, preserve and safeguard all funds for which the Council is responsible.

b. The Treasurer shall make a faithful record of such funds and shall report to the Council all receipts and expenditures, and shall report the amount and nature of all funds in his possession or custody.

c. The Treasurer shall not pay except upon authorization of the Council or authorized officer, disbursement of any funds for which he is responsible.

d. The Treasurer may be required at the request of the Council to give bond satisfactory to the Council.

Section 5. Appointive Officers.

a. The duties of all Appointive Officers, agents or committees appointed by the Council shall be clearly defined by a resolution of the Council at the time of appointment.

b. No Appointive Officer shall serve for a term longer than the elected officer he is replacing.

Section 6. The Records. All accounts, records, books and minutes of the Council meetings shall be subject to examination by members of the Council and Tribal members, and agents of the Federal or State governments having authorized business as noted in such records.

ARTICLE II - QUALIFICATIONS OF OFFICERS

Section 1. No person may be a candidate for any elective office unless he has the qualifications of a voter pursuant to Article VI, Section I of the Constitution of the Native Village of Georgetown.

Section 2. No person who has been convicted of a felony may be a candidate for any elective office. Any officer of the Council or official of the Village who is convicted of a felony or any other offense involving dishonesty or moral turpitude shall forfeit his office.

ARTICLE III - CHANGE OF OFFICERS

Section 1. If the office of a Council member is vacant for any reason, the Council may appoint a successor to serve until the next regular election meeting, at which time a member shall be elected to fill the office.

Section 2. In the event an election quorum is not established, the appointive officer shall holdover until the next scheduled election meeting where a quorum is established.

ARTICLE IV - RULE MAKING POWER

Section 1. The Council shall have the power to make rules and regulations and to pass ordinances and resolutions to carry out the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws.

ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

Section 1. The Council shall meet at least once a year unless a special meeting is required, then more often as deemed necessary.

a. The President may call all such special meetings as may be deemed necessary by giving notice to the members of the Council.

b. All regular meetings must first be proceeded within seven (7) days notice.

Section 2. The Quorum

a. A quorum for Council meetings shall be established by the presence of the President and two (2) Council members.

b. A quorum for general meetings shall consist of thirty percent (30%) of the voting membership of the Native Village of Georgetown.

Section 3. Accurate minutes shall be kept of all regular and special meetings of the Council and preserved in the appropriate files of the Council.

Section 4. The Council shall abide by the Roberts Rules of Order.